

# City of Coral Gables

405 Biltmore Way  
Coral Gables, FL 33134  
www.coralgables.com



## Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 16, 2019

5:00 PM

City Hall, Commission Chambers, 2nd Floor

### City of Coral Gables / University of Miami Community Relations Committee

*Chairperson Sarah Artecona*  
*Vice Chairperson Belinda Sime*  
*Board Member Norma de la O*  
*Board Member Erick Fernandez*  
*Board Member Wendy Kallergis*  
*Board Member Philip Kates*  
*Board Member David Rivero*  
*Board Member Judith Welsh*  
*Board Member Dr. Patricia Whitely*  
*Board Member Interfraternity Council President*  
*Board Member Student Government President*

## CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Sarah Artecona.

## ROLL CALL

**Present:** 9 - Chairperson Artecona, Vice Chairperson Sime, Board Member Fernandez, Board Member Rivero, Board Member Welsh, Board Member Whitely, Board Member Council President, Board Member Government President and Board Member de la O

**Absent:** 2 - Board Member Kallergis and Board Member Kates

## APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

19-8945

CG / UM Community Relations Committee Minutes of March 4, 2019

A motion was made by Board Member Rivero, seconded by Board Member Welsh, that this matter be approved. The motion passed by the following vote.

**Yeas:** 9 - Chairperson Artecona, Vice Chairperson Sime, Board Member Fernandez, Board Member Rivero, Board Member Welsh, Board Member Whitely, Board Member Council President, Board Member Government President and Board Member de la O

**Absent:** 2 - Board Member Kallergis and Board Member Kates

## PUBLIC HEARING

### Update on the University's Events, Sarah Artecona

The University's CollegeTown Newsletter is emailed to neighbors and Coral Gables residents in September. The Newsletter includes hurricane preparedness information and activities held throughout the Campus.

The 9/11 National Day of Service and Remembrance Memorial Event was held at The Rock Plaza. The University has held a memorial service since 2002.

Free concert tickets will be available on November 6th to City residents. City residents may receive 4 free tickets. The November 8th Homecoming activities include kids games, balloons and fireworks. The annual football buy 1, get 2 free tickets is available for City residents for the November 9th Game Day.

The Marketplace is open on Wednesdays.

**Update on the University's Planning & Construction Initiatives, Alicia Corral**

Projects under construction include Lakeside Village, which is a new 1,100-bed student apartment building, Student Services Center and the Intramural Field.

The Student Housing Phase II, Frost Institute for Chemistry and Molecular Science Building, Knight Recital Hall, a Greenhouse, and the Indoor Batting Practice Facility are all future projects the University is working on.

The University will request to demolish two building on the 6500 Red Road property. The programs and/or offices that will be located at this site have not been decided.

Hurry'Canes shuttle buses have been upgraded to provide better service and more capacity. The University implemented evening and weekend parking fees on Campus several months ago. The paybyphone App can be used to pay these fees. Pay stations are also available and located throughout the Campus lots.

The Beaux Arts Festival will be held January 18 - 19, 2020.

**Update by the University's Police Department, Chief David A. Rivero**

Crime on Campus remains low. The Department will have two dogs; Thunder, which detects bombs, and Lightning, which detects guns. The dogs will be used during public events.

In May an active shooter training will be held to include the Coral Gables Police Department and the University's Facilities. The training will be held in the Towers buildings prior to demolition of the structures.

**Update by the University's President of Student Affairs, Dr. Patricia A. Whitely**

Dr. Ryan C. Holmes was introduced as the Dean of Students for the Division of Student Affairs. Guide to Living Off Campus is mailed to students and to those living within a 3-mile radius of the University. Approximately 1,500 students receive the mailing. Orientation went well and there are 2,800 new students.

- The University closed for several days due to Hurricane Dorian approaching South Florida. Approximately 60% of students left the Campus. Students throughout the Campus assisted the Bahamas in various ways.

On October 14th the Intramural Field will be opening.

Transportation for students to football games is provided. Traffic surrounding the University has decreased. The Law School is robust.

Lakeside Village opening May 2020.

**Update by the Interfraternity Council President**

The Council had 200 new members complete the Fall recruitment. The addition of one more fraternity is being voted on. There have not been any issues or problems at tailgates. The Council is working with Student Government on recycling initiatives.

The App Xsoteria is being implemented that will help with sexual assault prevention on Campus. The App allows active management of crisis situations. It also contains hotlines for emergencies.

The Council raised \$6,000 to be sent to the Bahamas to assist with damage caused by Hurricane Dorian.

**Update by the Student Government President**

Approximately 1,600 students attended a bar-b-que hosted by the Government. The 3rd What Matters to U will be held in October and features distinguished speakers. The Government will host Fan Zone which will provide an alternative tailgate experience that will be substance free. There will be free food and phone charging stations.

On November 8th the Alumni Career Network event will be held and it's called Connecting 'Canes. This event allows for alumni to educate students on life after graduation. Alumni are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

The Caribbean Student Association and the Bahamian Student Association partnered on a drive and various items was sent to the Bahamas to assist with damage caused by Hurricane Dorian.

**Annual Report Review**

The Annual Report was reviewed and unanimously approved by the Committee members.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned by Chairperson, Sarah Artecona.